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Ms. Kasey Barton
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RE: Peabody Midwest Mining, LLC – Bear Run Mine, Indiana
March 22, 2012 Clean Water Act Section 308 Request
Docket No. V-W-12-308-09

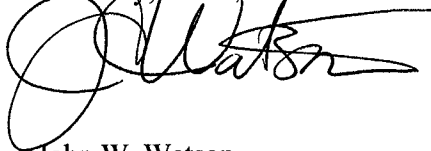
Dear Kasey:

Peabody Midwest Mining, LLC (“Peabody”) is in receipt of the Clean Water Act Section 308 Request for Information from U.S. EPA, Region V, dated March 22, 2012, with respect to the Company’s Bear Run Mine located in Carlisle, Indiana. The March 22nd correspondence is the second Section 308 request received by Peabody in the last five months for the Bear Run Mine and comes on the heels of the comprehensive and thorough response provided to the Agency in late January.

Peabody has significant questions regarding both the Agency’s position on the sufficiency of its response to the initial Section 308 request and the scope and substance of the March 22nd correspondence. As such, Peabody is requesting a meeting with appropriate Agency representatives to discuss this matter at your earliest convenience. This meeting will inform Peabody’s formal response to the Agency’s latest request.

Please propose a few dates in the immediate near term and Peabody will work to accommodate your schedules. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,



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